

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend page 24, lines 3-9 as follows:

**~~The present invention relates to a~~ A gel processing and transfer device, useful for the processing and transferring un-damaged and intact gel with minimal handling, ~~said device comprising at least~~ includes at least 4 separable components. ~~A namely: a~~ A base plate for holding ~~[[the]]~~ gels ~~[[with]]~~ has facility to drain out solution~~[[; a]]~~. ~~A~~ retaining rim ~~with attached side walls, said side walls are~~ is fastened to the base plate by a fastening means~~[[; at]]~~. ~~At~~ least one "O" ring is fixed to the retaining rim to give leak proof arrangement with the base plate~~[[; and a]]~~. ~~A lid to cover~~ covers the ~~assembly~~ retaining rim when fastened to the base plate.**